

SENATE BILL NO. 50.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, April 2, 1909.

To the Secretary of State:

I herewith transmit for file in the office of the Secretary of State Senate bill No. 50 without my approval. This is a bill to provide for the location and maintenance of an institution to be known as the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium; \$1000 is appropriated to pay the expenses of a commission to locate said institution and for the payment of the expenses of an agent to examine and report upon institutions of a similar character located elsewhere; \$200,000 is appropriated by this bill to buy the necessary lands and construct buildings, with all necessary equipment and improvements and for maintenance for the years 1909 and 1910, and it is further provided that there shall be constructed upon said grounds so selected, suitable and desirable buildings to accommodate not less than 200 patients.

Section 12 provides that applicants for admission to said sanatorium shall have been bona fide residents of this State for two years next preceding the filing of their application. I have carefully considered this measure and believe that the large expenditure contemplated, with facilities for only 200 patients, taken from the thousands now suffering from this dread disease in our State, demonstrates the impracticability of dealing with this important question in the manner proposed and outlined by this bill, and it is, therefore, disapproved. The taking of so small a number into a sanatorium from the great number of sufferers from tuberculosis in this State would not meet the situation, and would hardly justify the heavy expenditure required at this time and incident to the maintenance of such institution hereafter.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.